



**United States Border Patrol
San Diego Sector
Public Information Office
2411 Boswell Road
San Diego, California 91914-3519
(619) 216-4182**



PRESS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
January 23, 2001**

SAN CLEMENTE BORDER PATROL AGENTS CONTINUE TO DISRUPT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS AND SEIZE \$30,355 IN MARIJUANA

San Clemente, CA: On the heels of yesterday's cocaine and marijuana bust, another significant narcotics seizure was made by Border Patrol Agents operating at the San Clemente Checkpoint. A 1988 Plymouth Voyager approached the Checkpoint. The driver was nervous in demeanor and seemingly confused about his destination. During a subsequent inspection, a Service K-9 alerted agents to the gas tank of the van where eight bricks of marijuana were concealed in a compartment on top of the fuel tank. Further inspection resulted in the discovery of 12 more bricks of marijuana concealed behind the dashboard. The marijuana totaled 87.3 pounds valued at \$30,355. The 37-year-old male driver is a Mexican national and a resident of Oceanside. The North County Narcotics Task Force took the driver and marijuana into custody.